

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

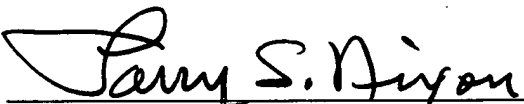
In response to the Examiner's requirement, an Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet is included in the above amendments.

In response to the Examiner's objections to minor formal issues for claims 15-17 and 24, these claims as well as most of the other claims have been amended so as to obviate such grounds of minor formal objection.

Accordingly, in view of the Examiner's indication that claims 1-28 are all allowable except for formal issues that are all now believed to have been resolved in the Applicants' favor, it is now believed that this entire application is in allowable condition and a formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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